

Hispanic/Latino Affairs –FY 2009-2010

The Hispanic/Latino Affairs Institute continues to provide the following services to state, private and community organizations. Among the many services provided were:

Technical Assistance **Cultural Competency Workshops**
Trainings **Information and Referral** **Research**



The SC Commission for Minority Affairs partnered with the SC State Budget and Control Board -SC Census Initiative- to ensure that the Hispanic population throughout our state would be reached and could receive information on the upcoming US Census 2010. Ms. Tracy Semenza-Hispanic Census coordinator- worked closely with the CMA's program coordinator Lee McElveen to develop a strategy and marketing plan to reach out to the Hispanic community.

EDUCATION



The SC Commission for Minority Affairs continues to collaborate with the SC Department of Education to look at the following issues among the Latino population: ESOL Programs, dropout rates, continuing education, graduation rates and more.

Community Services and Capacity Building

The SC Commission for Minority Affairs continues to assist the Good Samaritan Clinic in the expansion of medical services and service area. The Commission initially helped the clinic in obtaining a 501(c) (3) status and continues to serve on the board. The commission has assisted in grant writing and securing funds to continue the work of the clinic.

The commission also has assisted the *Mami y Yo* Hispanic non- profit organization in Greenville, SC obtain there 501 c 3 status. This program focuses on working with parents and children to help them prepare for school.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS-The Commission for Minority Affairs continues to participate in State scheduled exercises and in the event of State activation of the SEOC. The Commission continues to work with SCEMD and county EMDs to ensure that Limited English Speakers are being assisted in the event of an emergency. The Commission assisted with the translation of the Earthquake guide into Spanish.



Hispanic Community Day

The SC Commission for Minority Affairs hosted a Hispanic Forum and Hispanic Community Day in Greenville, SC on August 14-15, 2009. The Hispanic Day provided the Hispanic community with information and resources. Among the workshops available to the community were: Immigrant rights, New Legislation, small business development, Free health screenings and more...

LEGISLATION

SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act-The Commission continues to assist immigrant callers as well as non immigrants with information on the current legislation. Although the Commission was not funded to provide the Hotline, we have used our limited resources to inform agencies and interested callers on the new legislation. Referrals have been made to LLR, SLED and other non-profit entities for further assistance.



WEBSITE-We are currently updating our website to include reports, data and resource information for the Hispanic Community.